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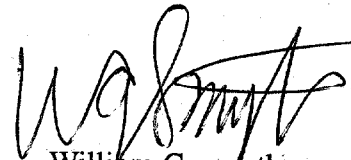
Dear Ms. Henney

As a senior, and interested in the cost of medical expenses . I urge you to oppose the proposed regulation which is designed to prevent people from buying hearing aid devices without a Doctor 's examination. My wife and I have purchased hearing aids from a reputable mail order firm and are completely satisfied with the products .

My wife also purchased a device from an Audiologist and paid over \$1,000.00 It was not satisfactory. She subsequently purchased two from the mail order company and the two less than \$600.00.

I suspect that the proposed regulation is strongly supported by Doctors and audiologists for monetary reasons. Please reject this unfair regulation

Sincerely

  
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